

## House Resolution No. 1807

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who admirably devote an exceptional amount of time and energy to ensuring that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

**Whereas**, William D. Heffernan of Rocheport, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a Professor Emeritus at the University of Missouri-Columbia who will draw his teaching duties to a close in May 2008; and

**Whereas**, a former Professor and Chair of the Department of Rural Sociology, William Heffernan has spent thirty-four years in higher education at the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

**Whereas**, previously an Assistant Professor at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge for two years, William Heffernan has developed and maintained an excellent reputation for his involvement in organizations and groups that help to develop alternatives to the dominant, global, industrial food system and for his focus even more recently on corporate control of the international food system and the concern that raises for the well-being of the half of the world's population that earns less than \$2 per day; and

**Whereas**, William Heffernan lives on a farm, raises soybeans and wheat, restores native prairie, and breeds such rarer forms of livestock as Saint Croix hair sheep, Red Poll cattle, and American Cream draft horses; and

**Whereas**, no stranger to honors and accolades, William Heffernan earned a 2006 Award for Meritorious Service from the National Farmers Union and, in cooperation with his wife, was named Man and Woman of the Year in Missouri Agriculture in 1987 by The Missouri Ruralist magazine; and

**Whereas**, William Heffernan is justifiably proud to be known as the beloved husband of Judith Bortner Heffernan, loving father of Lisa Heffernan Weil, respected father-in-law of Daniel Dent Weil, and devoted grandfather of Nathan Heffernan Weil:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of William Heffernan and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to William D. Heffernan of Rocheport, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Paul Quinn  
District No. 9

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1807, adopted April 15, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker